GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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CLUSTERS SELECTED FOR UPGRADATION
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are implementing the scheme on technology upgradation and management called UPTECH since 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of clusters selected for upgradation during the 9th plan in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(d) the total funds earmarked for upgradation of these clusters; and

(e) the number of clusters, where the work has since been started and progress made so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The scheme addresses all the common issues related to the technology upgradation of a cluster. It has scope for diagnostic study, setting up of common facility centres and new technology demonstration plants, training of workers/supervisors etc.

(c): Out of 14 clusters selected for the 9th Plan, three are from Andhra Pradesh and one from Maharashtra.

The clusters selected are :

1. The Tile Industry Cluster along the West Coast, Kerala

2. The Bulk Drug and Formulation Industry in Andhra Pradesh

3. The Neem and Perfumery Industry at Kannauj

4. The Forging & Foundry Industry in Punjab & Andhra Pradesh

5. The Food Processing Industry Cluster at Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh
6. Small Scale Tannery Industry at Vaniyambadi, Tamil Nadu

7 The Pottery Industry Cluster at Khurja

8. The Toy Industry in Delhi and Noida

9. The Auto Component Industry at Pune, Chennai & Indore
10. The Lock Industry Cluster at Aligarh
11. The Stone Industry particularly in Rajasthan and Gujarat
12. The Glass & Ceramics Industry particularly at Firozabad & Khurja in UP and Managalore in Karnataka
13. Development of Clusters based on Herbal & Aromatics Plants at Jhalawar & Dholpur in Rajasthan, Badaun & Bhowali in UP and Ganjam in Orissa
14. The Trial runs on Hydrogenation Process for manufacturing of Speciality Oils & Solvents in Gujarat

(d): An amount of Rs. 17.74 crores has been earmarked for all the clusters under the scheme for 9th Plan.

(e): The implementation of the programme at different centres is at various stages.